

**United States District Court  
Central District of California**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs.

Docket No. CR 22-00424-MEMF-1Defendant Ghacham, Inc.Social Security No. N O N E

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In the presence of the attorney for the government, the defendant appeared in person on this date.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
Dec.	8,	2023

**COUNSEL**Nareg Gourjian, retained

(Name of Counsel)

**PLEA**
☒ **GUILTY**, and the court being satisfied that there is a factual basis for the plea. ☐ **NOLO  
CONTENDERE** ☐ **NOT  
GUILTY**
**FINDING**There being a finding/verdict of **GUILTY**, defendant has been convicted as charged of the offense(s) of:**Count 1:** 18:371 CONSPIRACY TO PASS FALSE AND FRAUDULENT PAPERS THROUGH CUSTOMHOUSE;**Count 2:** 21:1904(c)(2), 1906(a)(1) CONSPIRACY TO ENGAGE IN TRANSACTIONS OR DEALINGS IN PROPERTIES OF A SPECIALLY DESIGNATED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER**JUDGMENT  
AND PROB/  
COMM  
ORDER**

The Court asked whether there was any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Because no sufficient cause to the contrary was shown, or appeared to the Court, the Court adjudged the defendant guilty as charged and convicted and ordered that: Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, it is the judgment of the Court that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of:

**Five (5) Probation on Counts 1 and 2 of the Information for a term of five years. This term consists of five years on each of Counts 1 and 2 of the Information, such terms to run concurrently under the following terms and conditions:**

1. As Amended General Order 20-04 applies to individuals, it shall be deleted from the original Court order.
2. The defendant organization shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
3. During the period of community supervision, the defendant shall pay the special assessment, restitution, and fine in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to such payment.
4. The defendant organization shall provide the Probation Officer access to any requested financial information.
5. Within 30 days from the date of this judgement, the defendant organization shall designate an official of the organization to act as the organization's representative and to be the primary contact with the Probation Officer.
6. The defendant organization shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the Probation Officer and follow the instructions of the Probation Officer.

7. The defendant organization shall notify the Probation Officer ten days prior to any change in the principal business or mailing address or within 72 hours if advance notice is not possible.
8. The defendant organization shall permit a Probation Officer to visit the organization at any of its operating business sites.
9. The defendant organization shall report to the Probation Officer as directed and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month.
10. The defendant organization shall be required to notify the Court or Probation Officer immediately upon learning of (1) any material adverse change in its business or financial condition or prospects, or (2) the commencement of any bankruptcy proceeding, major civil litigation, criminal prosecution, or administrative proceeding against the organization, or any investigation or formal inquiry by government authorities regarding the organization.
11. The defendant organization shall notify the Probation Officer immediately of any intent to sell the organization, change the name of the organization, merge with another business entity, or otherwise dissolve and/or modify, in any form or manner, the organizational structure from its present status.
12. If the defendant organization changes its name, or merges with another company through a stock or assets purchase, or sells or transfers all or substantially all of its business operations as they exist as of the date of conviction, the renamed, newly-created, transferred, sold, or merged company shall be obliged to meet all of the obligations of defendant organization in accordance with this judgment's orders pertaining to payment of the fine and special assessment and creation and implementation of an effective compliance program. The defendant organization shall include in any contract for sale, merger, or transfer a provision fully binding the purchaser(s) or any successor(s) in interest thereto the obligations described in the Court-ordered conditions of probation.
13. The defendant organization shall provide the Probation Officer with access to any and all business records, client lists and other records pertaining to the operation of Ghacham, Inc., as directed by the Probation Officer.
14. The defendant shall apply all monies received from income tax refunds, judgments, significant payments toward accounts receivable, and any other financial gains to the Court-ordered financial obligation.
15. The defendant organization will create and maintain an anti-money laundering compliance and ethics program, submit to a third-party monitor review, and engage with the third-party monitor, who will report to the Court on an annual basis, within 90 calendar days from the date of this sentencing. The defendant organization will also provide the United States Attorney's Office with a copy of its annual internal audit report of its compliance program within two weeks of its issuance, and provide proof of such disclosure to the Probation Officer

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It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$800, which is due immediately.

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay restitution in the total amount of \$6,390,781.81 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663A.

The amount of restitution ordered shall be paid as follows:

Victim Amount

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol \$6,390,781.81

Defendant shall pay a fine of 4 million dollars.

The Court finds from a consideration of the record that the defendant's economic circumstances allow for restitution and fine payments pursuant to the following schedule: A partial payment of at least \$500,000 shall be paid immediately. The balance of the restitution and fine shall be paid in monthly installments of at least \$30,000 or more per month shall be applied to the restitution and then the fine during the term of probation. These payments shall begin 30 days after the date of this judgment.

The defendant shall be held jointly and severally liable with co-participant Mohamed Daoud Ghacham (Docket No. CR- 22-00424-2) for the amount of restitution ordered in this judgment. The victims' recovery is limited to the amount of their loss and the defendant's liability for restitution ceases if and when the victims receive full restitution.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3) and 21 U.S.C. §853 and the Information, defendant has forfeited all of its right, title, and interest in the specific property more particularly described in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture entered on July 31, 2023.

In addition to the special conditions of supervision imposed above, it is hereby ordered that the Standard Conditions of Probation and Supervised Release within this judgment be imposed. The Court may change the conditions of supervision, reduce or extend the period of supervision, and at any time during the supervision period or within the maximum period permitted by law, may issue a warrant and revoke supervision for a violation occurring during the supervision period.

December 8, 2023

Date

U. S.

District Judge

Clerk,

U.S. District Court

December 8, 2023

Filed Date

By Sheila English /s/

Deputy Clerk

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court (set forth below).

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE**

While the defendant is on probation or supervised release pursuant to this judgment:

1. The defendant must not commit another federal, state, or local crime;
2. The defendant must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district of residence within 72 hours of imposition of a sentence of probation or release from imprisonment, unless otherwise directed by the probation officer;
3. The defendant must report to the probation office as instructed by the court or probation officer;
4. The defendant must not knowingly leave the judicial district without first receiving the permission of the court or probation officer;
5. The defendant must answer truthfully the inquiries of the probation officer, unless legitimately asserting his or her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination as to new criminal conduct;
6. The defendant must reside at a location approved by the probation officer and must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before any anticipated change or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change in residence or persons living in defendant's residence;
7. The defendant must permit the probation officer to contact him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and must permit confiscation of any contraband prohibited by law or the terms of supervision and observed in plain view by the probation officer;
8. The defendant must work at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons and must notify the probation officer at least ten days before any change in employment or within 72 hours of an unanticipated change;
9. The defendant must not knowingly associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and must not knowingly associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer. This condition will not apply to intimate family members, unless the court has completed an individualized review and has determined that the restriction is necessary for protection of the community or rehabilitation;
10. The defendant must refrain from excessive use of alcohol and must not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
11. The defendant must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
12. For felony cases, the defendant must not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon;
13. The defendant must not act or enter into any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as an informant or source without the permission of the court;
14. The defendant must follow the instructions of the probation officer to implement the orders of the court, afford adequate deterrence from criminal conduct, protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner.

☐ The defendant must also comply with the following special conditions (set forth below).

### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

The defendant must pay interest on a fine or restitution of more than \$2,500, unless the court waives interest or unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth (15th) day after the date of the judgment under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f)(1). Payments may be subject to penalties for default and delinquency under 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g). Interest and penalties pertaining to restitution, however, are not applicable for offenses completed before April 24, 1996. Assessments, restitution, fines, penalties, and costs must be paid by certified check or money order made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court." Each certified check or money order must include the case name and number. Payments must be delivered to:

United States District Court, Central District of California  
Attn: Fiscal Department  
255 East Temple Street, Room 1178  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

or such other address as the Court may in future direct.

If all or any portion of a fine or restitution ordered remains unpaid after the termination of supervision, the defendant must pay the balance as directed by the United States Attorney's Office. 18 U.S.C. § 3613.

The defendant must notify the United States Attorney within thirty (30) days of any change in the defendant's mailing address or residence address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments are paid in full. 18 U.S.C. § 3612(b)(1)(F).

The defendant must notify the Court (through the Probation Office) and the United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to pay a fine or restitution, as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). The Court may also accept such notification from the government or the victim, and may, on its own motion or that of a party or the victim, adjust the manner of payment of a fine or restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(k). See also 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)(3) and for probation 18 U.S.C. § 3563(a)(7).

Payments will be applied in the following order:

1. Special assessments under 18 U.S.C. § 3013;
2. Restitution, in this sequence (under 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all non-federal victims must be paid before the United States is paid):
  - Non-federal victims (individual and corporate),
  - Providers of compensation to non-federal victims,
  - The United States as victim;
3. Fine;
4. Community restitution, under 18 U.S.C. § 3663(c); and
5. Other penalties and costs.

### **CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND SUPERVISED RELEASE PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL SANCTIONS**

As directed by the Probation Officer, the defendant must provide to the Probation Officer: (1) a signed release authorizing credit report inquiries; (2) federal and state income tax returns or a signed release authorizing their disclosure and (3) an accurate financial statement, with supporting documentation as to all assets, income and expenses of the defendant. In addition, the defendant must not apply for any loan or open any line of credit without prior approval of the Probation Officer.

When supervision begins, and at any time thereafter upon request of the Probation Officer, the defendant must produce to the Probation and Pretrial Services Office records of all bank or investments accounts to which the defendant has access, including any business or trust accounts. Thereafter, for the term of supervision, the defendant must notify and receive approval of the Probation Office in advance of opening a new account or modifying or closing an existing one, including adding or deleting signatories; changing the account number or name, address, or other identifying information affiliated with the account; or any other modification. If the Probation Office approves the new account, modification or closing, the defendant must give the Probation Officer all related account records within 10 days of opening, modifying or closing the account. The defendant must not direct or ask anyone else to open or maintain any account on the defendant's behalf.

The defendant must not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset with a fair market value in excess of \$500 without approval of the Probation Officer until all financial obligations imposed by the Court have been satisfied in full.

These conditions are in addition to any other conditions imposed by this judgment.

RETURN

I have executed the within Judgment and Commitment as follows:

Defendant delivered on

Defendant noted on appeal on

Defendant released on

Mandate issued on

Defendant’s appeal determined on

Defendant delivered on

at

the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons, with a certified copy of the within Judgment and Commitment.

to

to

United States Marshal

Date

By

Deputy Marshal

CERTIFICATE

I hereby attest and certify this date that the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, and in my legal custody.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

Filed Date

By

Deputy Clerk

FOR U.S. PROBATION OFFICE USE ONLY

Upon a finding of violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the court may (1) revoke supervision, (2) extend the term of supervision, and/or (3) modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions and have been provided a copy of them.

(Signed)

Defendant

Date

U. S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness

Date